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review: The Lathe of Heaven

book by Urshula LeGuin

The title, The Lathe of Heaven, was taken from a poetic mistranslation of the Tao Te Ching by some dead white guy in the 19th century; lathes were invented after the books authorship, which was the 6th century BC. The story follows our protagonist, George Orr, through varying worlds that apparently are brought to existence through the act of his dreaming. Not any dream - but very intense ones. The main focus of the story is the struggle of George against his therapist Dr. William Haber. George is forced into 'voluntary' regular therapy sessions with Haber. Harber is a very intelligent psychiatrist who realises Geroge's powers and soon begins to get obsessed with and manipulate them through hypnosis and a biofeedback device called the Augmentor.

Although Haber is portrayed as being friendly, empathetic, and liberal, it is his position of power (authorised by the state) that forces Orr to remain as a patient of his against Orr's will – until Orr is deemed mentality fit by Harber. Haber is the "bad-guy" but he's not evil, just paternalistic and liberal-minded to think that a simple dream could change an ecologically-battered world into a utopia. His liberal self-righteousness solves world problems with devastating results, killing millions to solve overpopulation, erasing cultural history in order to get rid of cultural differences and racism. With every "therapy" session, Haber's hypnotic suggestions become grander and more power hungry – whilst his nice guy façade allows Orr, his patient, his pet, his tool of social change, a degree of creature comforts.

The novel is built upon strong characters: one such notable is Heather Lelache, a fiery black lawyer who becomes Orr's love interest (yes, we know – despite how pathetic he seems to be). Interestingly, her being black is important to the story. Her no-bullshit attitude comes from having to fight throughout her life due to her skin; and when her blackness is stripped away from her for something worse than beige – grayness (as a result of one of Orr's managed dreams aimed at 'solving' racism) – she loses all that feistiness.

This driving relationship between Harber and George proves an excellent template to explore the medical system and the relationship between a medical professional or career/research psychiatrist and a patient. To the researcher the patient is a specimen. A very sick or unusual person, a freak, becomes a very interesting specimen. One person's living nightmare becomes another's curiosity - and the means to secure a cushy and secure future with research money. More specifically, in the relationship between Harber and George, the exploitative, paternalistic and patronising relationship between the psychiatrist and 'mentally ill'; which in this case is a perfectly sane man with a terrifying and confusing power.

The book itself is very easy to read. There is enough intrigue and tension to keep you turning the pages and plenty of very creative surprises that are really satisfying. Even one of the turns that occur regularly in this little book would be enough to make the climax of another book of equal stature!

by Dumpstered Twin and Angry Nerd

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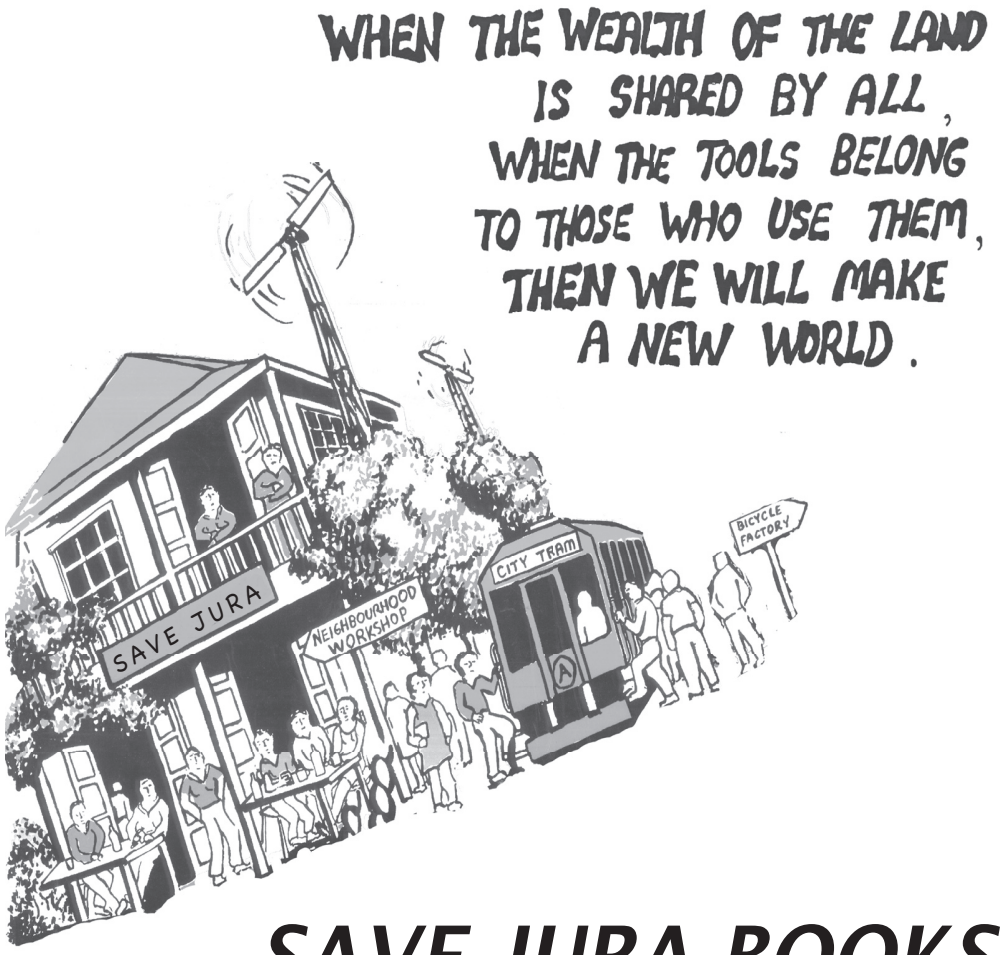
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BRIEF NEWS

Factory Riots in South Korea

Workers took over a factory in South Korea, protesting a massive job cut plan by Ssangyong. Some 1000 riot police have clashed with the 600 workers in the factory. The protesters threw firebombs, sling-shot large nuts and bolts and wielded iron rods against the cops. The cops used tear gas and tasers against the workers.

Three nights of riots in France

Firminy, a town in central France exploded into 3 nights of rioting after the death of a 21 year old in police custody. Mohamed Benmouna, who worked locally as a supermarket cashier, was taken from his police cell in a coma and died in hospital. Police said he attempted to hang himself in his cell, but his Algerian family reject this story and have filed a lawsuit to establish how he died. Youths from suburban estates began rioting - torching local shops, police cars and stoning police who were fireing tear gas and rubber bullets. 200 riot police were brought in. The family called for calm and staged an additional protest with 200 locals outside their block of flats. Months earlier Amnesty International reported that France routinely fails to investigate police brutality, the majority of victims of police brutality are from ethnic minorities.

UK City Council workers blockade Council offices

Brighton and Hove City Council has drafted a secret plan to sack 821 workers if they refuse to take pay cuts of up to 8,000 pounds each by January 1, 2010. The 821 workers are mostly employed as binmen and street cleaners in the waste department or parks service. The workers responded to this plan with a blockade of the city's main council building on the first day of talks between the city council and the GMB union. The workers had around 40 dustcarts, recycling trucks and street cleaning vehicles circling the building, bringing traffic to a standstill in the city centre. The convoy then moved to Brighton seafront. The talks between the union and the council were about new legislation that is designed to resolve pay inequities and which has brought about

the council's plan to reduce wages for these workers. The legislation means that workers with equivalent jobs in female dominated industries should have equivalent pay to workers in male dominated industries. But instead of giving equivalent workers a pay rise, such as those in female dominated teaching assistant and home care jobs, the council wants to cut the wages of binmen and street cleaners.

Factory occupation in UK

A Danish company Vestas Windsystems plans to make 625 workers redundant at the end of July, despite rising profits. The workers are not members of a union. They have occupied the plant for over a week now. Vestas is the worlds biggest wind energy group and recently reported a quarterly sales rise of 59%, up to 1.1 billion euros. Solidarity protests have been happening across the UK.

Indian students protest Harmony Walk in Melbourne

Indian students protested being silenced and sidelined by the State Government at Harmony Walk. More than 5000 people from Melbourne's 'multicultural' communities took part in the State Government-sponsored Walk for Harmony on July 12. The State Premier organised the march in response to recent (and long running) attacks on Indian students, however the attacks were not mentioned on the day and the Federation of Indian Students was not allowed to speak. Initially the Indian students planned to boycott the walk but eventually took part, some wearing masks to cover their mouths in symbolic protest against an attempt to dilute the issue of racist attacks on Indian students. The Federation of Indian Students said: "We will respond to this latest form of social exclusion from the premiers own office with the same dignity as in the past and show the world that we believe in non-violence and social justice for Indian students in Australia. It is this same exclusion that is the root cause of the many incicdents of 'curry bashing' that Victoria has witnessed."

Students in detention in Australia

36 students are being held in detention for breaching study visa conditions, 19 of those are between 18 and 21 years old. The average period of detention is 81 days. A student visa can be cancelled for a number of reasons including failure to meet course requirements such as passing subjects and attending class. The Immigration Department has

This conference aims to critique the current wave of responses to capitalism's current predicament. It is an opportunity to collectively analyze its 'new clothes'. As ordinary people ourselves, it is a chance to strategise together for solidarity with emerging and ongoing struggles for workers autonomy and control, peoples' freedom of movement,sustainability, sovereignty and self determination.

Discussions and workshops include:

- Working for the class – how we create capitalist crisis and how we can deepen it – struggles around work and work refusal, job protection and unemployment.
- Sex worker's organising and the impact of the crisis.
- The experience of the Builder's Labourers Federation, which organised 'green bans' to stop environmentally destructive developments.
- Workplace Activism and a Union Delegates Network.
- The political limitations to social democratic responses to the crisis.
- Workshop on the Sharehood, an example of mutual aid and community organising from Melbourne.
- An open session on strategising and extending anticapitalist struggle within the economic crisis.
- And much more!

The conference will also focus on the causes of the current economic crisis; struggles around job protection and unemployment; migrant workers' organisation; economic crisis and care work; climate crisis and the 'green new deal'; racism/nationalism; and open sessions on strategy in the current context.

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How can we deepen solidarity and work together?

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said that none of the students currently in detention are there soley for failing to meet course requirements. The presence of so many students in detention could indicate that detention is not being used as a last resort, Rudd's policy.

War games stopped for 11 days in Queensland

Two autonomous anarchist peace defenders spent 11 days at a live military firing range in Shoalwater, preventing planned US-Australian war games. Yulanji Bardon and Emily Nielsen turned themselves in to Range Control on July 26, the official last day of joint exercises, and were placed under arrest for trespass. These exercises represent Australia joining the US in the illegal invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan where thousands of civilians have been killed. The two entered the base on the 16th July with 5 other activists: the 'Jaegerstatter 3' and the 'Grana 4'. 5 of them have been arrested and subject to charges of trespass with notices to appear.

US military spy exposed in Washington State

'John Jacob' was an activist well liked by many in Tacoma and Olympia. He did extensive work with the group Port Militarization Resistance which blocks military shipments to and from Iraq and Afghanistan through Northwest ports. He was also involved with Students for a Democratic Society and Iraq Veterans Against the War, spending much of his leisure time with anarchists in the area. He was discovered when records were requested from the City of Olympia. An email was found amongst these documents from a John J Towery II from Fort Lewis Force Protection and after some research done by activists, 'John Jacob' was confirmed to be John J Towery II. Two anarchists met with him to confront him. He admitted spying on anarchists and other activists for the past two years, also revealing information about hidden cameras, planned raids of anarchist spaces and homes and the existence of other spies, without revealing their identities.

Shift the Power Downwards:

An Anarchist Perspective on Power Shift

Power Shift was a very big conference based around climate change. It had an age range of older high school students to adults up to 25. This is the kind of demographic that will probably be leading the way in the following years in climate change activism. With fees ranging from 45-90 dollars, Power Shift was able to gather together about 1200 people, which is an achievement in mass mobilisation.

But the fact is that the 1200 mobilised were the broadest coalition imaginable, with no common goal established, or even discussed. One speaker urged the crowd to engage in civil disobedience to prevent any further coal stations being built, and the crowd surged to their feet on command to cheer him. Most of the audience the following day also gave a standing ovation to Labor SA Premier Mike Rann.

Which brings us to one of the grave problems with Power Shift. The conference may well be part of a shift from student lobbies to vested interests. Power Shift received funding from an organisation which endorsed Rudd's climate change legislation. One of the leading figures of PS responded to someone who heckled Rann by saying that whilst they disagreed with him on uranium, they thought he did a lot for the environment. A few hecklers were thrown out, and when an indigenous woman confronted a PS organiser over this, he indignantly explained that people like Rann wouldn't come back to such conferences if this is how they were treated. Instead of confronting Labor, we should cuddle up to it (and this young man apparently doesn't realise that PS doing so gives Labor credibility on climate change, which it does not deserve)

I think we shouldn't be under any illusions about what this means and where it can easily lead. Instead of confronting power and calling for change, student activists are becoming part of the system, and sucking up to power, and being coopted by Labor.

There are other depressing aspects of PS. One of the major events of PS, which hundreds of us had to go to was precisely learning how to talk like Obama, considered a master of oratory.

What's telling is that Obama is the master of vague promises of "change", without actually committing to any changes in actual policies. Who would be surprised if this is the way PS goes? Right now, this speech training simply means that speakers at PS tended to give formulaic, dull and repetitive speeches (based around

squatters have stayed in the city and are organising resistance strategies. The threat is uncertain, but there is no doubt that mass evictions would result in a massive flare up of resistance. The authorities are aware of this and are apprehensive to fulfill their desired plan. Instead they have been focusing on the easy targets of immigrant squats and so not lose face.

Another dangerous organisation cooperating with Greek police is Scotland Yard. In March this year British "anti-terrorist experts", including Sir Ian Blair, ex-head of Scotland Yard; as well as American "security advisors", were in Athens giving advice on the tactics of oppression. The Greek government is desperate to upgrade its social control and surveillance apparatus, Greece's parliament has just approved measures allowing police to use surveillance camera footage, create a DNA database and banning anonymous mobile phones. The British state have proven to be experts in these tactics of surveillance and intelligence gathering, and of course the information gained using these techniques, is falling into the hands of neo-nazis.

Despite the savage rise in right wing violence, the anarchist movement is still gathering more popular support, and now even the mainstream media have acknowledge it as legitimate political force. It seems unlikely, that the ruling government can maintain its treacherous course for long. Urban guerrilla insurrectionist groups has kept up a constant stream of attacks on the state and corporate business. Some of the attacks so far this month alone, include a bomb attack on the Athens home of a former deputy minister, a firebomb attack on a tax office, a bomb attack on a McDonald's causing "extensive damage", a bomb attack on a prominent Judges car, a failed bombing attempt at the Chilean consulate and there have been a string of strategic arson attacks on offices and vehicles. This month a police bus has come under fire from a masked gunman and last month an anti-terrorist policeman guarding a witness was shot dead by a two gunmen. Different anarchist and leftist guerrilla groups have claimed responsibility for most of these attacks.

The movement has learnt a lot from the December insurrection and while support for the guerrilla groups is widespread, many feel that without more wide spread social change, the revolution is distant. Yet resistance is stronger then ever and stands resolute in the sinister face of fascism. It is also worth noting, that during the recent upsurge in molotov use by neo-nazis, no one has been injured by the bombs, except on two separate occasions when the fascists managed to set themselves on fire. In the words of one Greek anarchist:

"Those comical scum, who have no idea how to handle the simplest of street weapons, the molotov firebomb, they are unable to fight us with our weapons. Molotovs are and will remain the people's weapon, in defense of their freedom against fascist bastards."

Amendment: Just before posting this piece, one of the squats, where we have been staying, the big squatted factory space called Yfanet, was attacked at 5 in the morning (25 July). The bomb containing 6 gas cans, a four litre petrol canister caused no damage. The struggle continues...

Yfanet Squat

the bias mainstream media has had to accept and shamefully report this widespread collaboration.

Two days after the rally (09 July), as we were sat on the street corner where Alexandros Grigoropoulis was murdered last December, word quickly spread round that Villa Amalias, the 19 year old anarchist squat, had just been attacked by fascists with molotovs and projectiles.

Villa Amalias' 19th Birthday

The squatters fought them back and the fascists retreated back behind police lines, which protected them. The attack was undoubtedly prearranged between the nazis and the police.

Twenty minutes before the attack, in the suburb of Agios Panteleimonas, the Minister of Public Order, Markoyannakis, met with the fascist vigilantes, headed by an army officer, Pipikios. They then left Agios Panteleimonas and attacked the squat. Attacks on squats are not that uncommon in Greece but this is the first time since the Junta dictatorship that a Minister has openly met with fascist combat groups. Two days later three immigrants (2 Iraqi and 1 Nigerian) were shot in a drive-by shooting in Omonia square. The same day the squatted former Court of Appeals building in central Athens, that accommodated hundreds of homeless immigrants, was hit by an arson attack. The police have attempted to evict the squat numerous times in the past and it has for a long time been the scene of constant nazi and police harassment and violence. Yesterday (21 July) the last phase of the eviction emptied the building. Of the hundreds of immigrants living in the squat, many have been arrested and will be imprisoned in one of the eleven disused army bases that have just been converted into concentration camps. Recently, on the July 12, the largest refugee settlement in Greece, outside the city of Patra, was brutally evicted, bulldozed and 'mysteriously' burned to the ground by police. More stark evidence of the rising totalitarianism in the treatment of refugees, a trend that is currently growing, in Greece, as well as most of Europe.

In the recent European elections, extreme-right party LAOS made a political breakthrough, with 7.2 per cent of the vote. Desperate for support, the ruling, conservative New Democracy party has taken to increasingly far-right behavior: the moronic scapegoating of immigrants, squatters and anarchists, fear mongering propaganda and constantly pleading for "national unity" though out the population. The Greek press and television have recently taken extremely xenophobic views, fully supporting the government's attempt to unite people in an ugly wave of nationalism, and to drive people's attention away from the economic crisis.

This increased police-nazi cooperation brings the counterinsurgency strategy of the State into harsh, new perspective. The government has previously said that the "terrorist" harboring squats will be evicted this summer, between the middle of July and the middle of August. Tactically this makes sense, as a lot of people have vacated the cities to escape the choking summer heat, leaving the squats more vulnerable to attack or eviction. This week a squat in Thessaloníki, where the local pirate radio station operates, was also attacked with molotovs. The tension is high, defenses are being built and a lot of

personal anguish, followed by cliches and hope). The man who explained oratory to hundreds of PS folk told the crowd that people make decisions based on emotion, not reason, so our appeal should be to people's emotions.

Why on earth should student activists be better able to appeal to people's emotions than corporations? We have limited resources, and cannot compete with (for example) the Murdoch empire for exposure. If we have anything on our side, it is the truth, and the facts about climate change. Yet there was only one workshop on climate change science, which perhaps a few dozen PS folk attended, and where the scientists worked on specific fields of climate change (such as an agriculturalist).

The political centrism and, in my view, naivete of the organisers should be trivial. If the hundreds of people who had helped recruit, and the dozens of speakers had all been involved in shaping the conference and determining its nature, the various "directors" and so on would not have mattered so much. But PS had enough centralism to shock the most unreconstructed Leninist. On the last day, one of the directors thanked half a dozen people "who haven't slept in the last week" who made PS powerful. The end of the PS booklet lists "core staff" - 7 people. Now, remember that hundreds of people helped organise, that there were dozens of speakers. Many of them are very passionate activists on climate change, who have engaged in civil disobedience for the cause, and who have done extensive organising on the issue. Yet they were effectively marginalised, as decisions were made at the top. The sequel is that those who hope to get involved in AYCC activism later in the year have to apply to their leading figures, who will determine who qualifies. Instead of helping organise a well informed, dynamic grassroots movement, a small clique of what my friend calls "managerial radicals" is establishing itself as the leadership of youth climate change activism, becoming a new set of vested interests.

Where to from here? Climate change activists need more sober political analysis. Leftists should try to get involved in various parts, and insist that no government will change policies just because you let them speak at your conference and say nice things about them (it is embarassing that this needs to be said). We should insist that activism based around centralised leadership with marginalised grassroots will be sterile and ineffective. We should demand activism without leadership, because the leadership of any organisation will always develop different interests from the grassroots, and from the campaign issues at stake. And we should try to create a movement which is well-informed, and insists on honest persuasion, rather than demagogy.

Power Shift deserves credit for its attempt at mass mobilisation. But in combining the ill informed sloganeering of Save Darfur, the centralism of the most extreme Leninists, and the establishment-friendly Obama style "change" and manipulative oratory, it threatens to set back climate change activism further than its promise of advancement.

Angry White Boy

NOT GUILTY! the G20 report

Two and a half years after the G20 protests in Melbourne, the most serious charges laid against activists were rejected by juries. Two trials in July ended with 'not guilty' verdicts on counts of riot, aggravated burglary and criminal damage. While guilty verdicts were returned on some lesser charges, these results are a huge relief to arrestees and their supporters. They are also good news for protesters generally, as the state was unsuccessful in its attempts to set precedents that would more harshly criminalise political demonstrations. Sina Brown-Davis, a Maori anarchist and mother of three, went to trial on one count each of riot, affray and criminal damage. The affray and criminal damage charges had originally been dropped by police, but were reinstated shortly before the trial. Sina's charges related from demonstrations on Saturday November 18, 2006, during which a group of protesters confronted barricades and police. The prosecution argued that Sina threw a bottle at a police brawler van. However, they also left it open to the jury to find her guilty instead of aiding and abetting criminal damage carried out by others. In other words, they argued that her mere presence at the demonstration could constitute a crime.

After a two week trial the jury took a few hours to find Sina not guilty on the charge of riot, but guilty of affray and criminal damage. While affray and criminal damage are quite serious charges, they are not as significant as riot. Charging everyone arrested in relation to the Saturday events with riot – regardless of their individual level of involvement – was a key part of police operations. That's why it's so important that when these charges were challenged in court, riot didn't stick.

Sina is currently working to galvanise opposition to PACER, the extension of the Australia/NZ 'Closer Economic Relationship" to include the Pacific Islands, and some of those taking part in a show of solidarity outside the County Court on the first morning of trial held placards reflecting this campaign.

On July 14 two Sydney activists went on trial. Sunil Menon and Tim Davis-Frank faced two counts each of aggravated burglary, unlawful assembly and criminal damage. These charges stemmed from actions on 'Corporate Engagement Day,' on Friday November 17 2006. A group of about fifteen activists briefly entered the offices of Tenix, a military contractor, and Defence Force Recruiting, with water pistols, red glitter and stickers. The Prosecution case was that both Tim and Sunil played "leadership roles" in the protest, and that even if they weren't guilty in their own right of the offences they were guilty because they aided and abetted other people. The defence argued that protest might be unexpected, unwelcome, inconvenient or challenging, but that this doesn't make it unlawful.

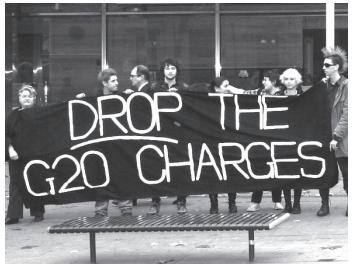
The case also hinged on the question of what 'damage' meant. One witness from Tenix said that the printer was "still printing sparkles," while other talked of marks on walls, stickers on pot plants and water on computer equipment.

The trial took two weeks. The jury deliberated for three days and was unable to reach a majority verdict on one count of unlawful assembly. Tim was found not guilty on all other counts, Sunil was found guilty of only one count of unlawful assembly. The not guilty verdicts on the aggravated burglary charge were particularly significant. Aggravated burglary – defined as entering premises where there are people, intending to cause damage – carries a maximum sentence of 25 years. Akin Sari, who is serving a 28 month jail term after pleading guilty to a number of charges from the G20 protests, was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment for one count of aggravated burglary.This is not a charge that activists have faced before for such office occupations. As with the rest of the charges brought after the G20 protests, the seriousness of the charge was part of the attack and intimidation. There were additional reasons for the aggravated burglary charge in this case.

It became clear during the trial that the prosecution was arguing that entering even public areas of an office, such as the reception area of a building, intending to protest and possibly cause even the most minor amount of damage, could be prosecuted as Aggravated Burglary. Obviously this had political implications well beyond this individual case. The fact that both men were found not guilty on all counts of aggravated burglary means that this time, at least, the state failed in their attempt to further criminalise protest.

The prosecution has indicated that they are going to go to trial again for the one count of unlawful assembly that the jury could not return a verdict on. As this is not a very significant charge taking it to trial is merely petty and vindictive and an attempt to use the court process to harass people and wear them down. All three individuals should be sentenced some time in August.

Princess Mob



SPARKS (AND MOLOTOVS) FLY, AS POLICE-NAZI COLLABORATION STOKES THE FLAMES OF GREEK RESISTANCE

By Medusa

The sun is setting over central Athens as more than 3000 protesters gather in Omonoia Square in opposition to the treatment of immigrant workers by the Greek state. No police can be seen as the crowd gathers, yet the mood is tense with grim determination and anticipation of the real possibility of extreme violence from the state.

We march slowly down-town towards the Saint Pandeleimonas district, a suburb mainly inhabited by immigrants. A thunderous chant echoes through the darkening streets, as CCTV cameras and cash machines are smashed, shop fronts graffiti-ed and hundreds of leaflets tossed across the pavements. On the flanks of the mass are defended by helmeted, pole-wielding marchers, as heavily armored riot police can be seen through side streets, moving down the parallel road. The crowd slows as orange flashes of fire can be seen far off at the front line, suddenly followed by the deafening boom of stun grenades, and plooms of tear gas. Fear spreads through some sections of the crowd as it surges back in retreat. Burning barricades protect our route to the ASOEE university and relative sanctuary. We are told that the front was attacked by molotov hurling nazis working within the police front line.

This cooperation between militant neo-nazi groups and the Greek police is nothing new, but in the last six months it has become increasingly frequent and audacious. The most dangerous neo-nazi group is Chrysi Avyi (Golden Dawn). Although they have relatively little popular support (23,000 votes in the last European elections), they are powerful due to their deep running relationship with the state, particularly the connections and wide spread support within the police force. In 2005 a leaked confidential internal police investigation concluded that:

1. Chrysi Avyi had very good relations and contacts with officers of the force, on and off duty, as well as with common policemen.

2. The police provided the group with batons and radio communications equipment during mass demonstrations.

3. The connections between the neo-nazi group and the Greek police force, helped delay the arrest of 'Periandros', a prominent member of Chrysi Avgi, wanted for the attempted murder of three left-wing students.

4. The brother of "Periandros", also a member of Chrysi Avgi, was a security escort of an unnamed New Democracy MP.

5. Most Chrysi Avyi members illegally carry weapons.

This investigation only exposed a small, nasty taste of what was to come and since it was leaked, this cooperation between Chrysi Avyi and the police has increased dramatically. Even